

# PEACE FOR FAMILIES

## Background/Summary

As a follow-up to the previous Grand Jury, the 2001-2002 Grand Jury of Placer County visited and spoke with the staff and management of PEACE for Families on November 28, 2001.

PEACE for Families provides services for victims of domestic violence that include:

- A 24 hour crisis telephone line;
- Counseling teams available at various locations, such as hospitals, and private office settings;
- Emergency shelters; and
- Legal assistance with restraining and custody orders.

Victims of abuse may stay at this shelter for a period of 60 days. An additional six-month transitional housing program for counseling on substance abuse is provided. The shelter provides skills in general life situations such as nutrition, to help with integrating families into a more stable life.

The funds to operate this agency come from State and Federal Grants, private donations, and County funds in excess of \$45,000.00 derived from the Presley Fund, a tax on marriage licenses.

The Grand Jury was impressed with the general living conditions and programs. It was noted, however, that toxic cleaning supplies were located in areas accessible to children.

## Finding 1

The Grand Jury noted the main bath and shower room was used for cleaning supply storage.

## Recommendation 1

Cleaning supplies should be stored in a separate and secured area.

## **Commendation**

The Grand Jury commends the community of Placer County and the staff and management of the shelter, for the compassion and understanding in handling domestic abuse situations.

## **Respondents**

Placer County Facility Services Director  
Placer County Health and Human Services Director

## **RESPONSE REQUIRED WITHIN 90 DAYS TO:**

The Honorable James D. Garbolino  
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court  
County of Placer  
Historic Court House  
101 Maple Street  
Auburn, California 95603